

REMARKS

As a result of this amendment, claims 1, 23, and 26 have been amended. Claim 25 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's determination that claims 8-22 and 28-31 are allowable and that claims 3, 25, and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections -- 35 USC §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-7, 23, 24, and 27 under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by Williams, III '688.

The Applicant traverses the Examiner's position with respect that the Applicant's invention is a power ratchet wrench and Williams, III '688 discloses a hand tool.

Claim 1, 2, 4-7

Claim 1 has been amended to require a yoke comprising the previously claimed first gear and second gear. As Williams, III '688 is not a power ratchet, it does not have a yoke. Accordingly, claim 1, and dependent claims 2, 4-7, are all believed to be distinguished over Williams, III '688 and in an allowable condition.

Claims 23, 24, and 27

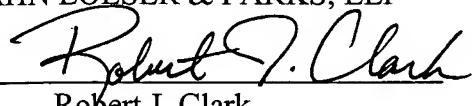
Claim 23 has now been amended to include the limitation of claim 25, which the Examiner has determined to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 23, and dependent claims 24 and 27, are all believed to be distinguished over Williams, III '688 and in an allowable condition.

Prompt consideration of this application and allowance of the claims are requested. If the examiner should have any question regarding this application or the amendment, a call to applicant's attorney would be appreciated.

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